1	2	3	4	5
16.	Punjab	1	0	0
17.	Rajasthan	5	3	1
18.	Tripura	25	22	101
19.	Uttar Pradesh	93	15	13
20.	West Bengal	1	3	0
21.	Chandigarh	1	0	0
22.	Pondicherry	4	6	0
	TOTAL:	213	123	158

Source: Labour Bureau, Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment,
Shimla (P) Provisional.

Plight of farmers and small trades under new laws

†4358.SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new laws which the Government of India propose to bring forward under the influence of multinational companies, WTO. and World Bank, may restrict the freedom of seed and grain of the Indian farmers;

(b) if so, whether these efforts may entrap the small industries, farmers and traders in a neo-license regime and inspector regime and whether the new laws may prove to be dangerous for the farmers seed and grains freedom; and

(c) if so, the measures Government are likely to take to protect the farmers, small traders and industries from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Government of India is not contemplating to bring forward any new law under the influence of multinational companies, WTO or the World Bank to restrict the freedom of seed and grain of the Indian farmers. However, a New Seeds Bill, 2004 is proposed to replace the existing Seeds Act.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Price of Vanilla Beans

4359. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the sharp fall in production of "Vanilla" beans;

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to help the farmers; and

(c) whether Government propose to announce any floor price for "Vanilla"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) There is no fall in production of vanilla beans, given the fact that the area under vanilla cultivations steadily increasing.

(b) Steps taken by the Government to help the farmers include the following:—

* Planting materials are supplied at subsidized cost.
* Farmers are given assistance at the rate of Rs. 2500 for setting up on-farm vanilla curing units.
* Vanilla curing techniques are disseminated through CDs, printed booklets and training classes.
* Vanilla productivity awards are given to those who attain significant productivity levels.
* Spices Board assists and encourages vanilla growers for value added exports.
* Organic vanilla grower groups were sponsored to the recently held organic fair at Nuremberg to display their porducts and interact with potential buyers.
* Government of India (Ministry of Agriculture) is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on "Macro Management in Agriculture